



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: July, 23rd, 2013

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Reconveyance of a Tax Forfeited Land Parcel.**

Recommendation:

Authorize the proper City Officer to execute the necessary documents to re-convey a tax forfeited land parcel, 1500 Water Street NE., to the State of Minnesota Department of Revenue.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information:

Prepared by: Dennis Morris, Right of Way Section Supervisor

Approved by: _____

Steve Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters in Committee: Dennis Morris

Financial Impact

No financial impact

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification:

City Goals:

Comprehensive Plan:

Zoning Code:

Background/Supporting Information

Periodically, properties are forfeited to the State of Minnesota for failure to pay real estate property taxes. The county administers these tax-forfeited properties and makes them available to local government taxing subdivisions for specific public purposes. The local subdivisions may use the land indefinitely provided it is used for the public purpose originally identified.

The City of Minneapolis acquired the tax-forfeited property at 1500 Water Street NE in 1944 for the intended purpose of providing a public harbor. Since that time the property has not been used as a public harbor. Recently, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) has indicated it could potentially use this property as part of a new bicycle and recreation trail. The City Engineer, Director of Public Works (after consulting with CPED and all

applicable Public Works Divisions) has declared this parcel as excess land in accordance with the City's Land Disposition Policy. The requested action will convey the property from the City of Minneapolis back to the State of Minnesota. The MPRB intends to approach the State of Minnesota with a request to acquire the parcel for their future bicycle and recreation trail.

Attachment: Map.

